

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An apparatus and method are provided for testing an optical subassembly of an optoelectronic device before attaching the electrical component. The method includes assembling a test circuit on a printed circuit board ("PCB") and placing the PCB in the base portion of a clamping device. The optical subassembly is assembled and electrically connected to a flexible circuit. The clamping device is closed to form a temporary electrical connection between the flexible circuit and the test circuit. The flexible circuit is, in turn, connected to the optical subassembly. A data stream is transmitted through the optical subassembly and evaluated for compliance.

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